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SUBJECT: SOLARI YRIGOYEN'S CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY

SUMMARY: FORMER ARGENTINE SENATOR HIPOLITO SOLARI YRIGOYEN MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ALMOST 45 MINUTES ON JUNE 28. SENATOR EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY, STATING THAT BY THESE NORMS, COMBINED WITH MORAL SENSE - AND BY NOT PURSUING ECONOMIC GAIN - U.S. IS SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF DEMOCRATIC FRONTIERS. RESUME OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS.

1. FORMER ARGENTINE SENATOR HIPOLITO SOLARI YRIGOYEN IS IN THE UNITED STATES AS THE GUEST OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA. HE WILL BE HERE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK AND WILL HAVE MET DEPUTY SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR DERIAN, SENATORS CHURCH AND KENNEDY, AS WELL AS OLD FRIEND, ALEJANDRO ORFILA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS.

2. SOLARI GAVE PRINCIPAL CREDIT FOR HIS RELEASE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FACT THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA WANTED TO MAKE STATE VISIT TO VENEZUELA. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS

GREAT PRESSURE FROM UNITED STATES. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT. SOLARI NOTED THAT HIS DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND HUMAN RIGHTS IS WELL KNOWN AS IS HIS CONDEMNATION OF EXTREMISM AND ABUSES OF POWER.

3. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED HIS AWARENESS OF SOLARI'S RECORD ON BEHALF OF FREEDOM AND PRAISED THE COURAGE SHOWN BY THE SENATOR - A COURAGE DEMONSTRATED UNDER CONDITIONS MOST OF US DO NOT HAVE TO FACE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD WISHED TO MEET SOLARI BECAUSE OF HIS WELL-KNOWN REPUTATION, BUT ALSO, BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO ALL

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WE MUST TALK TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED
DEDICATION TO THE VIRTUES WE ADMIRE.

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4. SOLARI SAID THAT PRESIDENT'S POSITION AND DEPUTY SECRETARY'S FILLED HIM WITH ENCOURAGEMENT. THE HISTORY OF U.S. FRIENDSHIP FOR DICTATORS IS LEFT BEHIND AND IS A SOURCE OF HOPE. "WE SEE THIS NEW POLICY REACHING OUR PEOPLES OVER THE GOVERNMENT." SOLARI WENT ON, THERE ARE VOICES IN ARGENTINA TRYING TO CANCEL OUT THIS GREAT POLICY. SOME ARE SAYING THE U.S. MAY BECOME ISOLATED FROM LATIN AMERICA. "ON THE CONTRARY, THE PEOPLE KNOW INTUITIVELY THAT THIS (POLICY) HELPS THEM." THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS TO ENGAGE IN COUNTERTERRORISM TO FIGHT TERRORISM. THE VOICE OF THE UNITED STATES IN GRENADA WAS CLEAR AND MORE NEED NOT BE SAID. THESE REGIMES CLAIM THAT CHANGES WILL COME; THEY WILL NOT. FRANCO CLAIMED FROM 1945 UNTIL HIS DEATH THAT CHANGE WOULD COME BUT HIS REGIME REMAINED AUTOCRATIC. SOLARI STATED THAT ARGENTINE POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD BE LEGALIZED AND FREE TO OPERATE AGAIN; PRISONERS WITHOUT CHARGES AGAINST THEM SHOULD BE FREED; THE STATE OF SIEGE SHOULD BE LIFTED; THERE SHOULD BE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS; AND THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY CULMINATING IN ELECTIONS. THIS CANNOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT BUT UNEQUIVOCAL STEPS ARE NECESSARY. "WE ASK THE U.S. TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS POLICY AND NOT BE TAKEN IN BY FALSE PROMISES."

5. HE NEXT OUTLINED STEPS WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT TAKE. HE CALLED FOR A NEW MILITARY POLICY UNDER WHICH WE WOULD GIVE SUPPORT ONLY TO ARMED FORCES THAT RESPECT CONSTITUTIONS.

NO TORTURERS OR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS SHOULD BOAST IN THEIR BIOGRAPHIES THAT THEY ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANAL ZONE." BILATERAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT SHOULD GO TO DEMOCRACIES OR TO COUNTRIES POINTING IN THAT DIRECTION. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE CHANNLED IN SAME WAY EXCEPT FOR BASIC NEEDS OF PEOPLES, SUCH AS POTABLE WATER, AND DISASTER RELIEF. SOLARI EXPRESSED HIS JOY TO TALK TO DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS. WE (LATI AMERICAN DEMOCRATS) WANT TO BE VALUED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE COMMUNISTS, WHOM WE DISAGREE WITH, ALWAYS APPRECIATE THEIR OWN. "YOUR POLICY HAS GREAT MORAL STRENGTH."

6. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY THANKED SOLARI FOR HIS COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT, NOTING HIS PLEASURE THAT NOTES WERE TAKEN OF SOLARI'S REMARKS.

7. PREPARING TO TAKE HIS LEAVE, SOLARI ADDED, THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THE ARGENTINE MAJORITY

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8. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY CONTINUED THE CONVERSATION, SAYING WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. WE WILL BE CRITICIZED FOR OUR ACTIONS AND MAY SUFFER ADVERSE RESULTS BUT WE ARE DETERMINED TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION. SPEAKING TO A FELLOW LAWYER, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED THAT COUNTRIES HAD TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM BUT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH IT FIRMLY AND WITHIN THE LAW. OBEDIENCE TO THE RULE OF LAW MUST BE MAINTAINED. TERRORISM CANNOT SERVE AS AN EXCUSE FOR COUNTERTERRORISM.

9. IN ARGENTINA, SOLARI REMARKED, THERE ARE 15,000 PRISONERS. ONLY 20 ARE TERRORISTS AND THEY WERE CAPTURED TWO YEARS AGO. TODAY, TERRORISTS AND SUSPECTS ARE EXECUTED SUMMARILY. "I DO NOT WANT TO WASTE TIME ON MY CASE."

10. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED THAT MS. DERIAN HAD GIVEN HIM A FULL REPORT AND THAT HE SYMPATHIZED WITH SOLARI. HE THEN INQUIRED ABOUT SOLARI'S FAMILY.

11. THE FORMER SENATOR SAID THAT HIS WIFE WILL BE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA TO TRY TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN OUT. ONE PARENT MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE AN ARGENTINE MINOR MAY LEAVE THE COUNTRY. SOLARI IS FEARFUL THAT ONE SON WHO IS DUE TO PERFORM HIS MILITARY SERVICE MIGHT NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE DESPITE A REQUEST FOR A DEFERRAL; IT MAY BE DENIED. IF IT IS, SOLARI SAID HE WILL TRY TO GET SON OUT THROUGH URUGUAY OR BRAZIL. HE RECALLED THAT THE SON OF ARGENTINE LABOR LEADER ONGARO (PHONETIC) WAS KILLED WHILE PERFORMING HIS MILITARY SERVICE. ONCE THE WHOLE FAMILY IS ABROAD, SOLARI COMMENTED THAT GOA MIGHT TAKE ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS BUT THEY WOULD BE FREE.

12. ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE CONCERNING USG-GOA RELATIONS, SOLARI REPLIED THAT OUR POLICY IS POPULAR WITH THE PEOPLE. NONETHELESS, HE FELT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD TRY TO INCITE NATIONALISM AGAINST THE U.S. THE U.S. MUST ACT CAUTIOUSLY SO THAT THERE ARE NO GROUNDS TO THINK THERE IS INTERVENTION. MRS. CARTER'S OMISSION OF ARGENTINA WAS A GOOD IDEA; NO ONE CAN CHARGE INTERVENTION. HE CONTINUED THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY EXPECTED PRESIDENT FORD'S REELECTION; THEY MUST NOW COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE "DEMOCRATIC" GOVERNMENT IF THEY WISH TO AVOID ISOLATION. IF NOT, OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS IN ARGENTINA WILL ACT TO TURN ARGENTINA TOWARD

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DEMOCRACY. SOLARI ADVISED THAT WE ACT PRAGMATICALLY
AND SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STEPS IN ARGENTINA TOWARD
DEMOCRACY. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. NEEDS AN EMBASSY TEST
IS PERMEATED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S THINKING. HE
REPEATED THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.
WITH THESE NORMS AND A MORAL SENSE, AND NOT BY PURSUING
ECONOMIC GAIN, THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT A RETURN TO
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